AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

- 56. (Currently amended) A hair care composition comprising:
 - a. 4-8 weight percent fixative, wherein the fixative comprises
 - i) a polymer or copolymer of acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid or one of their polymerizable esters;
 - a polymer or copolymer of acrylamide, hydroxy acrylate, t- butyl amino
 ethyl methacrylate, octyl acrylate, octylacrylamide, vinyl caprolactam,
 crotonic acid, dimethylaminopropylacrylanride, vinylpyrrolidone, vinyl
 acetate, vinyl propionate, vinyl caprolactam, and/or dimethicone;
 - iii) an ethyl, propyl, or butyl ester of polyvinyl methyl ether and maleic anhydride copolymer;
 - <u>iv)</u> <u>a vinyl acetate/crotonates/vinyl neodecanoate copolymer;</u>
 - v) an octylacrylamide/acrylates/butylaminoethyl methacrylate copolymer; or
 - vi) any mixture thereof;
 - b. 20-55 weight percent ethanol; and
 - c. 5-25 weight percent methyl acetate;

wherein the volatile organic compound content of the composition is not higher than 55%.

- 57. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, comprising:
 - a. 4-8 weight percent fixative;
 - b. 45-55 weight percent ethanol; and
 - c. 5-25 weight percent methyl acetate.
- 58. (Currently canceled)

- 59. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, wherein the fixative is a vinyl acetate/crotonates/vinyl neodecanoate copolymer or octylacrylamide/acrylates/butylaminoethyl methacrylate copolymer.
- 60. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising a propellant.
- 61. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising water and a propellant, wherein the propellant comprises dimethyl ether.
- 62. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising a propellant, wherein the propellant comprises methane, ethane, propane, isobutane, n-butane, dimethyl ether, 1,1-difluoroethane, or a mixture thereof.
- 63. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising:
 - d. up to 10 weight % water; and
 - e. a propellant, wherein the propellant comprises propane and isobutane.
- 64. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising a propellant, wherein the propellant comprises from about 5 to about 50 parts by weight propane, and from about 50 to about 95 parts by weight isobutane.
- 65. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising a propellant, wherein the propellant comprises 1, 1-difluoroethane.
- 66. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising:
 - d. from about 20 to about 45 weight % propellant.
- 67. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, comprising:
 - d. from about 25 to about 35 weight % propellant.

- 68. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising water.
- 69. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising:
 - d. from about 0.01 to about 45 weight % water.
- 70. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, comprising:
 - a. from about 4 to about 8 weight % fixative;
 - b. from about 30 to about 55 weight % ethanol;
 - c. from about 10 to about 25 weight % methyl acetate; and
 - d. from about 0.01 to about 30 weight % water.
- 71. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, comprising:
 - d. from about 0.01 to about 45 weight % water; and
 - e. from about 15 to about 45 weight % propellant.
- 72. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, comprising:
 - d. from about 0.01 to about 30 weight % water; and
 - e. from about 25 to about 35 weight % propellant.
- 73. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising water, wherein the composition comprises from about 5 to about 10 weight % methyl acetate, and the molar ratio of water to ethanol does not exceed about 10.
- 74. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising water, wherein the composition comprises from about 11 to about 15 weight % methyl acetate, and the molar ratio of water to-ethanol does not exceed about 6.
- 75. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising water, wherein the composition comprises from about 16 to about 20 weight % methyl acetate, and the molar ratio of water to ethanol does not exceed about 3.5.

- 76. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising water, wherein the composition comprises from about 21 to about 25 weight % methyl acetate, and the molar ratio of water to ethanol does not exceed about 2.5.
- 77. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising a neutralizer.
- 78. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising from about 0.1 to about 5 weight % of a neutralizer, wherein the neutralizer comprises aminomethyl propanediol; aminomethyl propanol; dimethylaminomethyl propanol; triisopropyl amine; triethanolamine; tris(hydroxymethyl) aminomethane; sodium hydroxide; potassium hydroxide; ammonium hydroxide; or diethylpropylamine.
- 79. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, further comprising from about 0.1 to about 5 weight % of a neutralizer, wherein the neutralizer comprises 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol.
- 80. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, substantially free of any additional organic nonpropellant solvents.
- 81. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, selected from the group consisting of a spritz, a spray gel, and a setting lotion.
- 82. (Original) The hair care composition of Claim 56, selected from the group consisting of a hair spray.
- 83. (Original) A method of fixing hair, comprising spraying the composition of Claim 56 onto hair.
- 84. (Currently amended) A consumer article comprising:
 - a) a hand-held spray container; and

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- b) a sprayable composition contained within the spray container comprising:
 - i. 4-8 weight percent fixative, wherein the fixative comprises
 - a polymer or copolymer of acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid or one of their polymerizable esters;
 - a polymer or copolymer of acrylamide, hydroxy acrylate, t- butyl amino ethyl methacrylate, octyl acrylate, octylacrylamide, vinyl caprolactam, crotonic acid, dimethylaminopropylacrylanride, vinylpyrrolidone, vinyl acetate, vinyl propionate, vinyl caprolactam, and/or dimethicone;
 - an ethyl, propyl, or butyl ester of polyvinyl methyl ether and maleic anhydride copolymer;
 - 4) a vinyl acetate/crotonates/vinyl neodecanoate copolymer;
 - 5) an octylacrylamide/acrylates/butylaminoethyl methacrylate copolymer; or
 - <u>any mixture thereof;</u>
 - ii. 20-55 weight percent ethanol; and
 - iii. 5-25 weight percent methyl acetate;

wherein the volatile organic compound content of the composition is not higher than 55%.